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# Jack Scott

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## SENATOR JACK SCOTT HONORED AS "COURAGEOUS LEADER" BY WOMEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Women Against Gun Violence recognized Senator Jack Scott (D-Pasadena) as a "Courageous Leader" at their sixth annual awards ceremony in West Hollywood on Sunday. The group honored Scott for his gun control legislation. Women Against Gun Violence is a coalition of 100 partner organizations and individuals throughout California that leads educational and legislative efforts to end gun violence.

"Senator Jack Scott is a true leader in the fight for sensible gun safety legislation," said Ann Reiss Lane, Chair of the group. "He has shown courage by introducing important legislation which, although controversial, will save lives."

In 1993, Scott's son was accidentally shot and killed. In his speech at the event Sunday, Scott told the group of approximately 300 that his son's tragic death inspired him to work for legislation to end gun violence.

"I cannot bring my son back to life," said Senator Scott, "but I can honor his memory by saving other parents the grief of losing their children to gunfire."

Scott has authored 10 laws relating to firearms in his four years in the legislature, including legislation to require trigger locks on all guns sold in California, and legislation to increase penalties for carrying a concealed weapon without a license.

This year, Scott is author of SB 52, landmark legislation to enact handgun safety licensing. Under the bill, all handgun purchasers would be required to obtain safety license prior to buying handguns starting in 2003. Applicants would have to show that they understood current firearms law and could safely use a handgun before obtaining a license.

Scott is also authoring legislation, SB 510, to require two safety devices – chamber load indicators, and magazine disconnect mechanisms - to be installed on all new handguns sold in California after January 1, 2003.

Women Against Gun Violence also honored the cast and writers of the television show, *West Wing*, at its event. The group's past honorees include Senators Dianne Feinstein, and Barbara Boxer, the cast of *Chicago Hope*, Los Angeles Times political cartoonist Paul Conrad, and Mary Leigh and Charlie Blek who founded Million Mom March.

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